

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
MARINE PROTECTION, RESEARCH, AND SANCTUARIES ACT (MPRSA)**

Administrative Enforcement: Issuance of Complaints and
Signing of Consent Agreements

1. **AUTHORITY.** Pursuant to the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA), to issue complaints and to negotiate and sign consent agreements memorializing settlements between the Agency and respondents.
2. **TO WHOM REDELEGATED**
 - a. To the Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, or equivalent.
 - b. To the Director, Water Division, or equivalent.
3. **LIMITATIONS.**
 - a. The regional administrator or division director must consult with the AA for OECA, or his/her designee, before exercising any of the above authorities.
 - b. The regional counsel, or their designees, will conduct all negotiations.
 - c. The AA for OECA may exercise these authorities in multi-Regional cases or cases of national significance. In addition, the AA for OECA must notify any affected regional administrator or division director when exercising any of the above authorities. In this situation, the AA for OECA, or his/her designees, will conduct all negotiations.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
 - a. This authority may be redelegated to the branch chief level, or equivalent.
 - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
5. **SUPERSESSSION.** This delegation supersedes R10 3-1-A (07/11/2016) and any other delegation of the same authority.
6. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.**
 - a. Sections 104B and 105 of MPRSA
 - b. 40 CFR Part 22.
 - c. EPA Delegation 3-1-A.

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